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AND METHOD FOR TESTING SAME

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Specifically, please advise us of when an initial Office Action on the merits may be expected from the Patent and Trademark Office. The application has now been pending approximately 18 months without an action on the merits.

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